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(02.05-2104)

1. ON APRIL 26 EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FOR GERALD
BERTRAND FROM YE. YE. SYROECHKOVSKIY. INFORMAL EMBASSY
TRANSLATION FOLLOWS PARA 2 BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO
SHOSTAL, REGISTRY NO. 952795.

2. DEAR MR. BERTRAND:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRAM OF COOPERATION ON THEME
02.05-11"ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF UNGULATES IN THE
ARCTIC AND SUBARCTIC" A VISIT BY TWO SOVIET SPECIALISTS
TO THE USA (ALASKA) IS TO TAKE PLACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONDUCTING JOINT INVESTIGATIONS ON ECOLOGY OF WILD
UNGULATES.

THE PROPOSALS FOR THIS VISIT SUBMITTED BY THE AMERICAN
SIDE ARE AS A WHOLE IN LINE WITH THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS'
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INTERESTS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS ON THE
PROPOSED PROGRAM:

ON ARRIVAL IT IS ADVISABLE TO RESERVE ONE DAY FOR FAMILIA-
RIZATION WITH A NUMBER OF BIOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS IN
WASHINGTON. THEREFORE THE PROGRAM AT THE BEGINNING OF
THE VIST SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

1ST DAY - ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON

2ND DAY - (IN WASHINGTON) FAMILIARIZATION WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, ETC.

3RD DAY - DEPARTURE FOR ALASKA (FAIRBANKS)

4TH DAY - (IN FAIRBANKS) FAMILIARIZATION WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE OF ARCTIC BIOLOGY AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA. -

5TH - 11TH DAY - FIELD INVESTIGATIONS ACCORDING TO THE PROGRAM IN DRIFTWOOD (AS A GUIDE).

IN CARRYING OUT THE FIELD WORK IT IS ADVISABLE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS' INTERESTS, TO DEVOTE ATTENTION TO OBTAINING INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: FAMILIARIZATION WITH THE MAIN AREAS OF CARIBOU HABITATION, INCLUDING PASTURE LANDS. WE ARE INTERESTED IN INFORMATION ON DAMAGE TO PASTURE LANDS FROM FIRES, VARIOUS MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND OTHER MACHINES. IT IS DESIRABLE FOR SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH PIPELINES AND SPECIAL PASSAGE CONSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF CARIBOU DURING MIGRATION PERIODS.

WE ARE INTERESTED IN FAMILIARIZATION WITH ZONAL-LANDSCAPE DIFFERENCES IN DEER PASTURE LANDS: PLACES OF CALVING IN HIGH-LATITUDE TUNDRA, INTERMEDIATE PASTURE LANDS ALONG MIGRATION WAYS, PLACES WHERE DEER WINTER IN FOREST-
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TUNDRA AND NORTHERN TAIGA.

WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM, INCLUDING THAT OF SECTION "WORK BEYOND THE DRIFTWOOD CAMP" ON STUDIES OF POPULATIONS, AERIAL REGISTRATIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS.

THEREFORE IT IS ADVISABLE TO RETURN TO FAIRBANKS ON THE 11TH DAY.

11TH - 12TH DAYS - FAIRBANKS

13TH - 16TH DAYS - MOUNT MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PROGRAM (PREFERABLY BY CAR)

17TH DAY - DEPARTURE FOR ANCHORAGE (PREFERABLY BY CAR)

18TH DAY - STAY IN ANCHORAGE

19TH DAY - VISIT IN SITKA (PREFERABLY)

20TH DAY - FLY TO NEW YORK

21ST - 22ND DAYS - WORK WITH SPECIALISTS OF THE NATION.

AL HISTORY MUSEUM AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS

23RD DAY - DEPARTURE FOR THE USSR

DEPARTURE OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION FOR THE USSR IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 13. THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU LATER. PLEASE SEND US YOUR OBSERVATIONS ON THE PROGRAM. BEST WISHES TO RONALD SKOUG AND DAVID KLEIN. SINCERELY YOURS, PROFESSOR YE. SYROYECH-

KOVSKIY.

P.S. WE HOPE THAT HOTEL STAY RATES WILL NOT EXCEED
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